The TREY

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there for the sailing of the next trans atlantic steamer. Oh, surely you can't deny me this one wish of my fond old

With a gesture of unfeigned affec tion Alan dropped a hand on Digby's shoulder.

"There's nothing on earth I would a father and a mother to me ever since I can remember, even if we were sepa rated, most of the time, by three thou sand miles of salt water. But this thing-I can't do it, even for you. 1 can't do it even for myself. Rose Trine is here in New York, in the hands and at the mercy of her father and sister: and you may judge what their mercy will be when you learn all that she has done for me. I won't go and I can't go until I find her and take her with me. And that is final."

"Then," Digby strack in, grasping wildly at a straw of hope, "I have your word you'll go, providing I find and restore Rose to you?"

"You have my word to that, unquestionably. Bring Rose to me, and I'll gladly shake the dust of New York from my shoes, and never return till Trine is put away comfortably in his

"It shall be done," Digby promised. "It must!"

"You believe that?"

"In twelve hours Rose shall be restored to you.'

"Will you make a book on it? I'll bet you something happens-and hope I lose into the bargain. If you believe you can carry out your promise, wire the White Star line to reserve the best available suite on the Oceanic, sailing tomorrow morning at tenand make arrangements for a marriage before the boat sails."

"I'll go you," Digby agreed: "and if I fail, I forfeit the cost of the reservation. But about this marriage-He hesitated.

"You'll have to have a license in this state-and can't get one except

much on the job; no chance here to persistently to reach his knife-hand steal unseen into the building.

He could not know that another skulked behind a barrier of lime barrels and overheard all that passed and, legs. when Alan had ducked smartly into the unfinished building, rose and stole face along the girder, kicking wildly. Judith made as if to deal. after him with footsteps as noiseless as a cat's and a face that had the sav- from an instinctively relaxed grasp, Rose chattered, terrified. not do for you," he said: "you've beer agery of a tiger's when it was transiently revealed in a shaft of moon- could release his hold, or ease the light.

At length Alan gained the gridiron of girders on a plane with the lighted window across the way, and crept along one of these, gingerly on his hands and knees, until he came to its five fingers between him and death. end and might, if he cared to, look down a hundred feet to the sidewalks.

That view, however, did not tempt; he kept his eyes level; and was rewarded with a bare glimpse of a prettily-papered wall, framed in the lace of half-drawn curtains.

And of sudden-whether through fortuity, or instinct, or the psychological attraction of his steadfast concentration-the tenant of the room came to the window and stood there for a little, looking pensively out, altogether unconscious of the watcher in his aerlal coign.

Again a horrible uncertainty harassed him. Was the woman Rose or Judith? That she was one of these he could plainly see. But which? Dared

With difficulty he detached his hungry vision from her, and drawing from his pocket a small notebook, tore out a blank page, placed this flat on the girder, found a pencil, and with the assistance of a ray or two of moonlight scrawled a message of almost stenographic brevity.

When he looked up from this task

Sitting up, astride the girder, he took his watch-a cheap affair he had picked up when reclothing himself in he garments of civilized society, at Providence that morning-onened the

Alan's Appearance at the Hotel Mono lith.

the folded message.

Then drawing back his arm, he

with all his might-with such force

that it almost unseated him at the end

over an obstacle overcome, he heard a

The assassin bad come that close

apon his prey when Alan turned and

The same moonbeam which had

message struck across the other's face.

and showed it like a hideous Chinese

mask of deadly hatred, with its eye

balls glaring and its lips drawn back

With a sharp, startled movement,

Alan swung himself bodily about, so

he faced the assassin who sat up,

straddling the girder, Lis feet hooked

beneath it a stiletto poised in his

But even now Alan was in little or

no better case than before. If he faced

the thug, he faced him with no arms

snatched off his hat, a soft and shape-

less felt affair, and flung it squarely in

Before he could recover-before,

Alan had this advantage, as long as

that is, it dropped away and cleared

even a pen-knife in his pockets.

that, seated again astride the girder.

from the naked blade gripped between

dow and to the further wall.

discovered his peril.

foot in length.

the fellow's face,

held the knife.

by applying in person with your bride | Dack of the case, and closed it upon to-be. There won't be time-"

"Then we'll marry in Jersey!" Alan insisted, "Dig up some clergyman over there, if you don't know one your-

"Oh, I'm well acquainted with the very man!'

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Time o' Night. Not Ill-pleased to be left to his own devices (whose proposed character Digby would never have approved had he so much as suspected them) Alan none the less deferred action until after midnight.

And espionage was all he fearedsave and except always, of course, failure to find his Rose.

It was about one in the morning when he arrived inconspicuously (but not so much so as to seem deserving of police surveillance) in the neighborhood of the Riverside drive home of his mortal enemy, a grim white house its teeth—a stiletto nothing short of a that towered, stark and tall, upon a corner.

His preliminary reconnoisance provided little more than comfortless exercise. Huge, still, its wall bathed in the milk and ink of moonlight and shadow, all its windows dark but on and that one, in the topmost tier, right hand to strike. showed only a feeble glimmer, so slight that Alan almost overlooked it.

But once discovered, it focused upon itself his thoughts with a power little other than his bare hands. He had not less than hypnotic.

He believed with small doubt that Rose was a prisoner within those walls; that Judith must have conveyed her there with all speed.

And, this being the presumptive case, that small, high window of the light might well be hers.

grasped the wrist of the hand that Directly across the street from the Trine residence, on the opposite corner, a colossal apartment structure stood half-finished, stonework to its other hand, but it eluded him. second story, gaunt Iron skeleton rearing above.

To his infinite disgust, Alan found the guardian very wide awake, very had only his left. With this he strove A measure of courage returned to And that instant the hook paused

This in itself might have been As persistently Alan foiled his purpose deemed a suspicious circumstance: by dragging the knife-hand toward him not for nothing does an honest night and swinging it far out to one side At watchman so deny the laws of nature | the same time he struck repeatedry and the tenets of his craft. But Alan with his clenched right fist at the othmerely praised the man while cursing er's face. His blows did little dansthe very fact of his existence; and, acage beyond disconcerting the other; costing overcame with bank-notes but this proved a very considerable what seemed an uncommonly stubborn factor in the duel. In the end, they reluctance, and got his way. served together with that steady, re-

he assume his hopes fulfilled?

she had vanished.

who has arrived at a settled purpose after a long period of doubt and perplexity, rose and bathed and dressed erself in negligee. In the adjoining room she could hear small, stealthy noises-the sounds made by her sister moving about and preparing against the unguessable mo-

ment when her rescue would be attempted, according to the information conveyed in that midnight message, For chance had conspired with her iusomnia to station Judith in the recess of her darkened window, Idly viewing the gaunt framework of the unfinished building from an angle which, when Alan edged out along the

to break the grip of the man's locked

and disappeared. And before Alan

strain upon the right arm of the as

sassin, this last had slipped bodily

from the girder and hung helpless in

The shock of that unpresaged turn

brought Alan forward and flat on his

could maintain it for another minute

Nor was there any reason why he

And yet Alan could not let him go.

ow it was a battle with a man half-

in the upshot the assassin lay like a

arms dangling on one side, legs and

had done enough; let the man shift

CHAPTER XXV.

Changeling.

and desolate dawn, Judith stirred ab-

ruptly on the couch of a sleepless

In the vague, chill gray of that dull

for himself from this time on.

crazed and struggling so madly that

his rescuer.

ette against the sky. In Judith's eyes his identity was unmistakable. She had hardly needed the night-glasses which presently she brought to bear upon him at the moment when he was laboriously inditing his message-while grim death stalked him from behind.

She had seen him throw the watch and had heard the double thump of its impact with the wall and floor of and outward. Rose's bedchamber.

And she had witnessed with wildly beating heart that duel in the airable to surmise its outcome only from the fact that the victor spared the life of the vanquished.

The clock was striking six as she left her room: across the street workingmen were streaming into the building to begin the labors of the day.

Brushing unceremoniously 1: drowsy and indifferent guard in the corridor outside the door to Rose's room, Judith turned the key that rebreathed a silent prayer to the god of mained in the lock on the outside, reall true lovers, and cast it from him moved it, entered, and locked the door behind her.

Without any surprise she found her of the swing. But nothing less would dister already dressed to the point of have served to bridge that yawning donning her outer garments.

Rendered half-frantic by this unex-And the watch flew straight and pected interruption, threatening as it true, squarely through the lighted windid the perilous scheme that Alan had proposed. Rose greeted her sister with At that very instant of his exultation a countenance at once aghast and wrathrul sound behind him of heavy breathing.

"What do you want?" she demanded tensely.

"To come to an understanding with m." Judith told her coolly.

"There is no understanding possible aided Alan in the composition of his between us: you know that as well as

> "Yet one there must be." "I insist that you leave this room at once!

"Insist by all means-and be damned! I may leave this room-and I may not, dear little sister. But one of us will never leave it alive." With a start of terror, Rose shrank

back from this strange, wild thing that wore the very shape and semblance of herself. "What do you mean? You cannot

mean to murder me in cold blood, Judith?" "Not I!" Judith laughed harshly.

"But, since it has pleased Destiny to decree that we must both love one man-let Destiny decide between us With a low cry of desperation Alan and bear the blame of murder!" "Judith!"

"One moment!" Crossing to a side table, Judith took up a glass from a posite sidewalk, and gently lowered to tray that held a silver water-pitcher. and returned with it to the table that the street. his vision, Alan had bent forward and occupied the middle of the floor. At the same time she opened a hand till then ast clenched and disclosed a small heart. "But I think it is. And those He snatched simultaneously at the blue bottle with a red label shricking workingmen think it a great lark-1 the warning "POISONI"

"Strychnine," she explained comthe knife might not strike—that his posedly, "in solution." And emptied

right arm was free, while the assarsin | the bottle luto the glass.

Rose. Do you contact to be able to and Alan stepped off upon the side and possess himself of the weapon. make me drink that?" she demanded walk. contemptuously

"Not 1-but Destiny, if it will! See here." From a pocket of her dressinggown Judith produced a sealed deck of playing cards. "Let these declare the will of Destiny toward us. I will break the seal, shuffle the cards, and deal," in Jersey, within an hour married, she explained, sulting action to word. "The one who gets the trey of nearts will drain that glass. Is it a bar sistless downward and outward drag, gain?"

"Never! Oh, now I know that you are altogether mad!"

Abruptly he pitched forward on his "Perhaps. Are you ready?" And grasping at the air. The stiletto fell "No-never! I tell you I refuse!"

> "Why?" "Because of this."

"You dare not refuse."

Whipping a small revolver from another pocket of her dressing-gown, Juspace, dangling at the end of Alan's dith placed it on the table, ready to arm-with no more than the grip of her hand.

sent?"

stomach. And the strain on his left arm was terrific. He doubted if he pointment with you." "Ah!" Rose cried in mingled fright and amazement. "How did you find

should retain it. The end he had designed for his victim was merely his out?" "Never mind. Is it a bargain, now, about the trey of hearts? Remember, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. Thus the battle began anew-but I shall keep my word about this pis-

With a shudder Rose bowed her he well-nigh frustrated the efforts of head.

"Deal," she muttered fearfully, "and may God judge between us!' limp rag across the girder, head and One by one she stripped the cards from the top of the deck, dealing first feet on the other, spent with his ter- to Rose, then to herself.

rific exertions and physically sick with One by one they fluttered to the table on either side the glass of poison, And in this state Alan left him: he and fell face uppermost.

The trey of hearts fell to Judith. There was an instant of silent dread, ended by Rose, as Judith's hand moved Simon Garcia y Montoys, George Cha-

steadily toward the glass. "Judith!" she implored. "Don't-I house of George Chavez. beg of you-I didn't mean it-I take back my consent-"

"Too late!" said Judith, lifting the glass and eyeing its contents with a night, and with the rapidity of one

"Judith! you cannot mean to drink

mirthlessly, "Just watch me!" With a strangled cry Rose covered her face with her hands to shut out the sight, stood momentarily swaying,

Delaying only to recognize this phenomena with a pitying smile for the weakness of spirit that caused it, Ju- Ortiz; polling place, House of Placido dith's glance darted through the window and saw that which caused her to

and dropped to the floor in a complete

stay her hand an instant longer. On the topmost tier of girders of the amid a little knot of amused and ani- house. girder, showed him plainly in silhouhands clasping the chain that linked It to the gigantic block.

> And as Judith stared, he smiled at something said by one of those about him, looked back, and waved a hand to some person invisible.

Immediately the arm began to lift, school house, the tackle to move slowly through the With a cry Judith flung the polson

heedlessly from her, leaped across the room, and snatched up the street gar-

In another moment she was strug- house of Epitacio Quintana. gling madly into them.

Before the shadow of Alan, clinging to the hook and chain, fell athwart the



"Not I-but Destiny, If It WIIII" bered out upon the sill.

inches of the window-ledge. Alan ex-

tended his arm. "Nothing to fear, except lest I hold you too tight, dear one!" Without a word Judith set her foot

beside his in the hook, surrendered to his embrace, and closed her eyes. Immediately they were swung away es, Melesio Sunchez, Pedro Rolbal, from the window, over toward the op-

"Maybe this isn't a good scheme!" Alan exulted in the innocence of his told them the simple truth, you see:

that we were eloping!" By way of answer Judith breathed only a word of tenderness.

"Safe and sound-and not a soul over there the wiser as yet!" he declared with a derisive nod toward the home of Trine. "Come along. Here's a limousine waiting. In twenty minates we'll be at the ferry, in forty over within four hours safe at sea!"

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Ribera. Precinct No. 33, Los Vigiles-Judg-

mated laborers, one foot in the great Precinct No. 34. San Isidro-Judges, steel hook of the hoisting tackle, both Manuel D. Benavides, Apolinar Ruiz, Jose Ines Garcia; polling place, house

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